

REMARKS

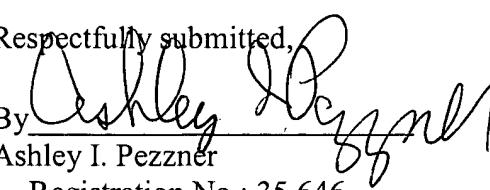
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendment and following remarks. The applicants have amended claim 14 as suggested by the Examiner in order to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection. The applicants have cancelled the non-elected claims and preserve the right to file a divisional application on these claims.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nappa *et al.* U.S. Patent No. 5,475,167 ("the '167 patent"). In order to expedite prosecution the applicants have cancelled claim 18. Claims 14-17 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The applicants have amended claim 14 as suggested by the Examiner. For the above reasons, this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 05129-00047-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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